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At the meeting of the Poultry Science Association held at Oregon State University during August, 1987 an informal meeting of poultry scientists interested in poultry waste management was held. As a result of discussions held at this meeting, a decision was made to organize and hold a national symposium on this topic. It was felt that the time had arrived for a national educational effort on poultry wastes. A nationwide program advisory committee was established to provide inputs on the nature and format of the program as well as on program topics and potential speakers. Industry support for the program was also solicited. Considerable feedback was obtained both from educational and industry sources.

As a result the Symposium was organized to discuss the issues, problems and potential solutions to problems with poultry waste management and utilization. Growth and concentration of the poultry industry has resulted in large volumes of manure, used litter, hatchery wastes, dead birds, offal and wash water that need to be utilized or disposed of in way that minimize undesirable environmental impacts. Increasing concern for these matters is evident within the industry and by the public. While odor and insect nuisances are frequent problems, the long run problems with water pollution are becoming more important. More regulatory action can be anticipated in the future.

The program for the Symposium was organized on the basis of a general session to cover broad topics related to poultry wastes followed by simultaneous sessions on specific aspects of production wastes and processing wastes. The Symposium Proceedings is organized on the same basis. We wish to thank all those persons and firms that helped to make the Symposium successful and well attended.

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